

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a key negotiator configured to negotiate an encryption key with the client.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein key negotiation and key exchange occur during transmission of a stream.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the encrypter is transparent to the server.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein key negotiation can determine if the encryption key is current.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a decrypter configured to decrypt the ~~first~~ payload portion of the data.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the parser is further configured to parse the data into different portions based on a media format.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the encrypter is further configured to encrypt the ~~first~~ payload portion of the data based on a media format.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is implemented utilizing an application that includes a pluggable core encoding an encryption algorithm for encrypting the ~~first~~ payload portion of the data, wherein the pluggable core enables the encryption algorithm to be readily changed.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is implemented on an encryption bridge.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for selectively encrypting data received from a data source, the data including ~~first~~ payload and ~~second~~ non-payload portions which differ from each other in at least one characteristic, the received data to be subsequently sent over a network to a client, the method comprising:

parsing the received data into portions including the ~~first~~ payload and ~~second~~ non-payload portions;

determining if the first payload portion is to be encrypted based on a format of the first payload portion of the data by inspecting examining the first payload portion of the data to recognize a predefined data type, ~~independent of a packet header~~, and if it is to be encrypted, encrypting the first payload portion of the received data; and

sending the received data including the ~~first~~ payload portion and the ~~second~~ non-payload portion of the received data over the network to the client.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the data source is a server.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising determining whether a stream is established between a server and the client.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising negotiating an encryption key with the client.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the received data from the data source is streaming data sent during a streaming session and the negotiating of the encryption key is carried out during the streaming session.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the received data from the data source is streaming data sent during a streaming session, the method further comprising examining the client during the streaming session and terminating the streaming session if the encryption key on the client is invalid.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the encryption key is negotiated with a decryption shim on the client.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising determining whether the received data is streaming data.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising terminating the sending to the client if it is determined that the client is compromised.

36. (Currently Amended) A method for streaming data at a client, the data including first payload and ~~second~~ non-payload portions which differ from each other in at least one characteristic, the data having been sent over a network to the client from an encryption source, the method comprising:

receiving the data sent over the network;

parsing the data into portions including the first payload and ~~second~~ non-payload portions;

if the first payload portion of the data is encrypted based on a format of the first payload portion of the data, as determined by an ~~inspection~~ examination of the first payload portion of the data to recognize a predefined data type, the inspection being independent of a packet header, decrypting the first payload portion of the data; and

passing the decrypted first payload portion of the data to a higher level of operations for play in the client.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising prior to the parsing, determining whether the data is an unencrypted stream.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, further comprising passing the data to a higher level of operations without parsing and decrypting when it is determined that the data is an unencrypted stream.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising negotiating a decryption key with the encryption source.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the streaming data is sent from the encryption source during a streaming session and said negotiating the decryption key is carried out during the streaming session.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the terminating of the encrypted stream includes sending a feedback signal to the encryption source instructing to stop sending the data over the network.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising terminating a streaming session based on a determination that the client is compromised.

53. (Currently Amended) A method for selectively encrypting data for transmission over a network, the method comprising examining the data to identify a plurality of portions; determining if at least one portion is to be encrypted by ~~inspecting~~ examining the at least one portion to recognize a predefined data type, independent of a packet header content, and if the at least one portion is to be encrypted, encrypting the at least one portion; and at least another portion to remain unencrypted, the plurality of portions being combined after such encryption determination.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the data is received from a data source, wherein the data includes streaming data and wherein the at least one data portion to remain unencrypted includes at least one of a header, control data and routing data.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the streaming data is included in the at least one data portion to remain unencrypted.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, further comprising:
transmitting the combined data over the network to a client; and
negotiating and exchanging a key with the client before the combined data is transmitted over the network to the client, the key enabling the client to decrypt the encrypted portion of the data for play on the client.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the streaming data is sent during a streaming session and wherein the negotiating and exchanging the key is carried out during the streaming session.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 57, further comprising examining the client during the streaming session and terminating the streaming session if the key on the client is invalid.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 58, wherein the data source is a server and the examining of the data is carried out on an encryption bridge between the server and the network so that the examining of the data, encrypting and combining of the plurality of data portions is transparent to the server.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 59, wherein the key negotiating and exchanging and the decryption using the key is carried out using a shim on the client, the shim being configured so that the negotiating and exchanging of the key thereby and the decrypting of the data thereby is transparent to the client.

61. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively encrypting streaming data received from a streaming data source for transmission over a network to a client, the apparatus comprising:

a parser configured to parse a plurality of portions of the streaming data;

an encrypter configured to encrypt at least ~~one of the plurality of data portions~~ a payload portion if it is determined, based on an ~~inspection~~ examination of a format of the ~~at least one of the plurality of data portions~~ the payload portion to recognize a predefined data type, the ~~determination to encrypt being independent of a packet header~~, that the ~~at least one of the plurality of data portions~~ payload portion is to be encrypted, but not encrypt at least one other data portion of the plurality of data portions; and

a data combiner configured to combine the ~~at least one encrypted data~~ payload portion with at least one unencrypted data portion.

62. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 61, further comprising a negotiator, wherein the negotiator negotiates and exchanges a key with the client before the combined data is transmitted over the network to the client, the key enabling the client to decrypt the ~~at least one encrypted~~ payload portion of the data for play on the client.

70. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the portion of the data to be encrypted includes media data encoded in a media format and wherein the encrypter encrypts the data to be encrypted based on the media format.

71. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 70, wherein the apparatus is implemented utilizing an application that includes a pluggable core encoding an encryption algorithm for encrypting the data, the pluggable core being replaceable to enable the encryption algorithm to be readily changed.

72. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the apparatus is implemented on an encryption bridge.

73. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively encrypting data received from a data source during a downloading operation, the data being received from the data source for transmission over a network to a client receiving the downloaded data, comprising:

a parser configured to parse at least two portions of the data;

an encrypter configured to determine if ~~one of the portions~~ a payload portion of the data is to be encrypted based on a format of the ~~one payload~~ payload portion of the data, wherein the format is determined based on an ~~inspection~~ examination of the ~~one payload~~ payload portion of the data to recognize a predefined data type, and if it is to be encrypted, encrypting only ~~one of the portions~~ payload portion of data; and

a data combiner configured to combine the encrypted payload portion of data with an unencrypted portion of data for transmission over the network.

74. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 73, wherein the downloaded data is included in the encrypted payload portion of the data.

75. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 74, wherein the unencrypted portion of data includes at least one of a header, control data and routing data.

76. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 75, further comprising a key negotiator configured to perform actions including negotiating and exchanging a key with the

client before the data is sent over the network to the client, the key enabling the client to decrypt the encrypted payload portion of data.

77. (Canceled)

78. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selectively encrypting data, received from a data source during a downloading operation and for selectively encrypting data received from a data source during a streaming operation, the data being received from the data source for transmission over a network to a client receiving the downloaded or streaming data, comprising:

a means for parsing at least two portions of the data;

a means for determining if ~~one~~ a payload portion of the at least two portions of data is to be encrypted based on a format of the one portion of data that is determined by ~~other than a packet header inspection~~ recognizing a predefined data type in the payload portion of the at least two portions, and if the ~~one~~ a payload portion of data is to be encrypted, employing a means for encrypting only ~~one~~ the payload portion of the at least two portions of data; and

a means for combining the encrypted payload portion of the data with the at least the unencrypted portion of the data for transmission over the network.

79. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 78, wherein during the streaming operation, the streaming data is included in the data portion that is to be encrypted.

80. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 79, further comprising a key negotiating means configured to negotiate and exchange a key with the client before the streaming data is sent over the network to the client, the key enabling the client to decrypt the encrypted payload portion of the data for play on the client.

81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 78, further comprising a client examining means configured to examine the client during a streaming session and terminate the streaming session if the client has been compromised.

90. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, further comprising an analyzer configured to analyze a behavior of the client to detect known media piracy techniques and to terminate the streaming session if a known media piracy technique is detected.

91. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, further comprising an analyzer configured to analyze a behavior of the client to detect suspicious client behavior and to terminate the streaming session if specific behavior is detected.

92. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, further comprising an analyzer configured to analyze a behavior of the client to detect known media piracy techniques and to terminate operation of at least the decrypter when a media piracy technique is detected.

93. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, further comprising an analyzer configured to analyze a behavior of the client to detect suspicious client behavior and to terminate the operation of at least the decrypter if suspicious behavior is detected.

94. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, further comprising a key negotiator configured to negotiate and exchange a key with the client before the data is sent over the network to the client, the key enabling the client to decrypt the encrypted portion of the data for play on the client.

95. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 88, wherein the streaming data is sent to the client from an encryption source, the shim further including a key negotiator configured to negotiate and exchange a key with the encryption source, the key being used by the decrypter to decrypt the encrypted portion of the data.

96. (Previously Presented) The shim of claim 95 wherein the key negotiator is further configured to carry out the negotiating and exchanging of the key with the encryption source during the streaming session.

97. (Currently Amended) A method for providing data over a network, comprising:
determining a plurality of portions of the data;

determining if at least ~~one~~ a payload portion of the plurality of portions of the data is to be encrypted based an ~~inspection examination~~ of the ~~at least one payload~~ portion, wherein the ~~inspection examination~~ is to recognize a predefined data type ~~of other than a packet header~~, and if the ~~at least one payload~~ portion is to be encrypted, selectively encrypting ~~at least one the~~ payload portion in the plurality of portions, wherein at least one other portion remains unencrypted;

authenticating a client to receive the selectively encrypted payload portion; and transmitting the selectively encrypted payload portion to the authenticated client.

98. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein authenticating the client further comprises the client accepting a shim transmitted from a server that is selectively encrypting the payload portion, and wherein the shim is configured to send back a confirmation.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, wherein authenticating the client further comprises the client transmitting a self-generated certificate.